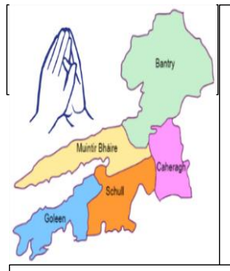

BANTRY FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWSLETTER

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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS **1st November 2026 Vol. 41. No.45**

Died Recently:**We extend prayers & sympathy to the families, relatives & friends of:**

Patrick 'Pat' O'Donovan – The Forge, Kilcrohane
Frances Daly (née McCarthy) – Moulnaskeha / Durrus

Recent Parish Baptisms:
We welcome into our Christian Community
Caíden Henry Shannon – Moulamill House, Bantry

Save The Date: Christmas Concert will be held in The Holy Family Church, Caheragh on Friday 4th December at 7.30pm. Featuring Caheragh Folk Group, Muintir Bhaire Men's Choir, Sheep Head Womens Chorus and soloists Áine O Sullivan and Victor Palazhchenko. Tickets can be purchased from Wild Ways Skibbereen, Anne 086 8741660 Bernadette 086 8384815 Kay 087 2611492. It promises to be a magical evening.

Emergency Planning Information Session - Durrus
Come along and join Jonathan Tyner, Training Officer, Irish Red Cross/Ambulance Service and Lorna Harte from the Family Carers and Older Person's Initiative to talk about how to prepare for an emergency. What to do in the case of a Stroke, fall or heart attack at home. What to do while waiting for the ambulance and how to prepare for all eventualities & how to prepare ourselves and be Winter Ready for any severe weather conditions. Date: Weds. 4th November in Philip's Green, Durrus at 11 am. To book a place or for further information, please contact Lorna Harte on 087 400 1763 of the Family Carers and Older Person Development Service

Durrus Bingo: Bingo will resume in Durrus Hall at 2.30pm on this Sunday, November 1st. Please note the change of time. A raffle will also be included.

The next meeting of the **Bantry and Surrounding Areas Cardiac Support Group** will be held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 8 p.m. in the Bantry Primary Care Centre (The South Doc Building), P75 T611. As usual there will be a Speaker on a cardiac care related topic. Refreshments and discussion after.

Eucharistic Adoration Christmas Cards: €10/pack 10. A5 laminated card with envs. Mix of 5cards/pack of 10. All proceeds go to support the spread of Eucharistic Adoration. Orders taken up to Friday 21st November. Tel/Text Catherine Manning on 083-8928299

Christmas Craft Fair: Gortalassa Old School House (P75C589) Sunday 8th November (12 to 5pm). Range of local Art & Craft (Great for a unique Christmas gift). Home baking & Produce. Tea/Coffee. Raffle. All funds raised go to the renovations of G.O.S.H. All welcome. Free entry.

Offertory Collection 25th Oct: Bantry: €2285 Schull:€975
Muintir Bhaire:€1090 Goleen: €580
Propagation of the Faith Collection 18th Oct: Schull:€677
The Church Maintenance Fund collection will be taken up in all churches this weekend, 31st Oct/1st Nov.

Masses for those who have died during the past year.

We will be remembering those who died during the past year on the following dates.
Caheragh: Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm
Dromore: Tuesday 3rd November at 7.30pm
Kealkil & Durrus: Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm
Bantry & Kilcrohane: Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm
Schull & Ballydehob in Schull Church : Friday 6th November at 8pm
Goleen (at 8pm) & Coomhola (at 7.30pm): Monday 9th November
Holy Souls Novena envelopes are available in the porches of each of our Churches. Please take one & return it before 2nd of November.

HOLY SOULS NOVENA OF MASSES

The novena for the Holy Souls will take place from Monday 2nd November to Tuesday 10th November. The Novena envelopes are available in our Churches. There is a slip of paper in the envelope to write the names of loved ones to be included in the novena. Return the completed list of names in the envelope along with your offering. The clergy open the envelopes, the list is included in the novena of Masses and the offerings go towards the income of the five priests.

Graveyard Prayers for the faithful departed will be said as follows:

Sunday 1st November:
Kilmacommogue: After Kealkil 10.30am Mass.
Goleen: after 12noon Mass
Caheragh New Cemetery after 11.15am Mass
Maulivard: 2pm
Bantry Abbey: 3pm
Durrus after 10am Mass.
Kilcrohane after 11.30am Mass.
Bantry Churchyard after 12noon Mass
Kilmoe: 2pm
Bantry Cilleanach: 4pm

Graveyard Prayers: Sunday 8th November
Caheragh Old Cemetery: after 11.15am Mass:
Bawnakeane: 3pm

Graveyard Prayers: Sunday 15th November:
Dunbeacon: 3pm
Kielhangel at 4.00pm

Graveyard Prayers: Sunday 22nd November:
Stouke at 3.00pm

Graveyard Prayers : Sunday 29th November:
Schull at 3.00pm

Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of the departed. May they rest in peace, surrounded by Your everlasting love and light. Comfort those who mourn, and may their souls find peace in Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Caheragh/Dromore Defibrillator Group are holding a Coffee Morning & Cake Sale on this Sunday 1st November from 11.00 a.m at Caheragh Community Hall. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

Bantry Flower & Garden Club garden talk with Lillian Murphy, Goleen on many ways of propagation in the Westlodge Hotel, Bantry on Monday the 2nd of Nov. at 8pm. All are welcome.

Kilcrohane Fashion Extravaganza Extraordinaire
Saturday 7th Nov at 8pm. Kilcrohane Community Hall. Entry €20 (includes refreshments). Prize for best dressed Lady in the audience. Space limited. To reserve seat contact Mary on 086-8486509. Pop Up pre-loved clothes sale so grab a bargain. Hosted by Kilcrohane Development Assoc. Raffle on nights. Donations taken for Cancer Connect & local Charities

Friday 6th Nov: All the Saints of Ireland:
Bantry:10am: Holy Souls
Schull:10am: Holy Souls
Schull & Ballydehob in Schull church at 8.00pm: Mass for the deceased of the past year. (No Mass in Lowertown).

Sat 7th Nov: 31st Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry Hospital: 10am: Holy Souls

Sat 31st Oct: 30th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry: 6.15pm: Mary Scully – New Street
Con O'Sullivan – Blackrock Road
Freddie Coleman – Beach – 5th anniv.
Donal Lynch – Ardnagaoithe – Birthday Remembrance
Mary Keohane – Newtown – Birthday Remembrance
Denis Byrnes – Birthday Remembrance
Michael Goggin & his wife Agnes – Barrack Street, Bantry
Tom McCarthy – New Street

Dromore:8pm:No Booking

Lowertown:8pm: No Booking

Sunday 1st November: All Saints:
Bantry:9am: Intentions of People of Bantry Family of Parishes
Vince & Julia May O'Sullivan – Castletownbere
Michael Griffin – Slip Lawn
Garry O'Donovan – Caher – 24th anniv.
Una Pettit – The Sidings, Bantry

Ballydehob:9am: Denis & Nora O'Driscoll (Main St. Ballydehob), their sons Joe & Bernard & daughter Kitty McCarthy (Ardfield)
Connie McCarthy – Ballycummisk & Horse Island – 11th anniv.
Maura Coughlan – Dreenlomane, Ballydehob – 11th anniv.

Durrus: 10am: No Booking

Schull:10.30am: Jim Moynihan – Shountellig, Dunbeacon & Canada – recently deceased
Paddy Hayes – Coosheen, Schull
John & Eileen Newman – Rathcoool, Schull

Kealkil:10.30am: Breda Walsh – Cork – 2nd anniv.

Caheragh:11.15am: Teddy O'Donovan & his father Pat O'Donovan – Rea
Michael O'Neill – Bronx, New York – 1st anniv

Kilcrohane:11.30am: Nuala O'Donovan – Kealties – Months Mind
Connie O'Sullivan - Derrycluvane

Goleen:12noon: Jerome &Mary Coughlan -Colleras.
John O'Reilly –Gortbrack - Months Mind.

Bantry:12noon: Corney & Mary O'Driscoll – Gilhooleys Terrace
Andrew Stanczak – Birthday Remembrance
Pat Joe O'Donovan – Slip Lawn – Months Mind
Baby Grace Olivia O'Sullivan – Slip – 5th anniv.
Jim & Kathleen Flynn – Old Barrack Road, Bantry
Austin Twomey – Parade Field

Monday 2nd Nov:
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed:
Bantry:10am: Holy Souls
Schull: 10am: Holy Souls
Caheragh: 7.30pm: Mass for the deceased of the past year
Lowertown: 8pm: Holy Souls

Tuesday 3rd Nov: 30th Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: Holy souls
Dromore: 7.30pm: Mass for the deceased of the past year
Lowertown: 8pm: Holy Souls

Wed.4th Nov: 31st week in Ordinary Time:
Ballydehob:10am: Holy Souls
Bantry: 10am: Holy Souls
Kealkil & Durrus: 7.30pm: Mass for the deceased of the past year
Lowertown: 8pm: Holy Souls

Thurs 5th Nov: 31st Week in Ordinary Time:
Bantry:10am: Holy Souls Goleen: 10am: Holy Souls
Bantry & Kilcrohane:7.30pm:
Mass for the deceased of the past year
Lowertown: 8pm: Holy Souls